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STOP INFLATION—SAVE O.P.A.

The SOUTHERN PATRIOT refutes some of the arguments that have been used against continuation of price control by opponents of the OPA.

"Price controls hamper production."

During the war, industrial and farm production under price control rose fully five times as much as in World War I. Today production is at the highest point ever achieved in peacetime.

"Present prices keep goods off the market."

Goods are being held off the market in most cases in the hope that OPA will be abolished and high profits made. An extension of OPA with full powers now would blast this hope and goods would flow at reasonable profits.

"Present prices do not permit manufacturers to make a profit."

Price control has not prevented industry from rolling up unprecedented profits. **Business Week** predicted in its September 1945 issue that corporate profits would be "surprisingly good" in 1946.

"OPA price policies cause business firms to go bankrupt."

In 1945, bankruptcies fell to an all time low of 810 firms as compared to 6,451 in 1919 and 31,822 in 1932.

"Relaxation of price control will not mean inflation."

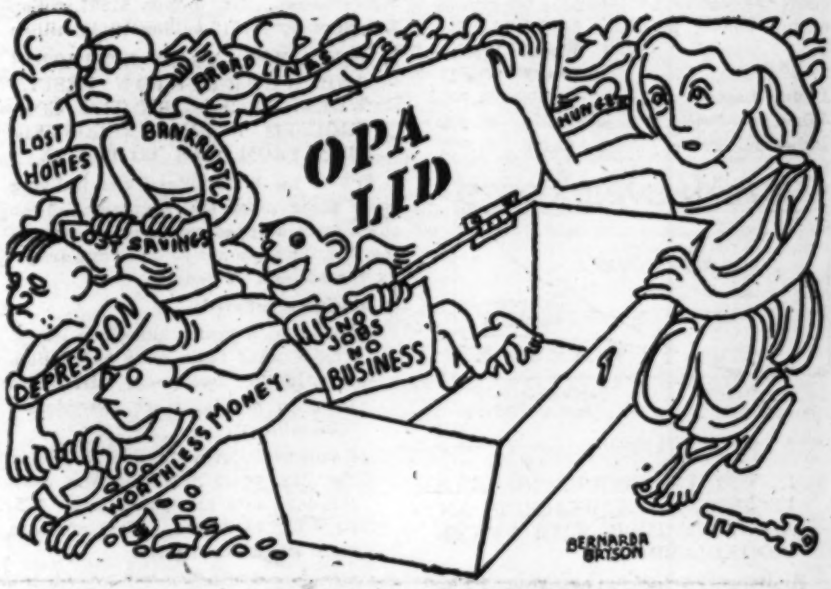
In the instances where price control has been relaxed while the supply was less than the demand, prices have quickly risen to prohibitive levels. Example: prices of citrus fruit rose 50 to 100% within a few days after ceilings were removed. Example: fur prices more than doubled when uncontrolled.

"Only removal of controls on building materials will permit large scale construction of houses."

Uncontrolled building will channel materials into high cost housing, leaving the veterans and other workers without reasonably priced homes. Under wartime controls a million houses were profitably built by private industry at prices under $6,000.

"Ceilings on cotton must be raised for the relief of the poverty-stricken Southern cotton farmer."

Southern cotton farmers would not benefit from rise in cotton prices, since they own only 8% of their harvested crop. The rest was long ago sold to speculators.



Look Out, Pandora

Economic disaster is ahead for America if the United States Senate does not rescue price control. The Senate is now deciding whether to follow the lead of the House of Representatives down the road to inflation—or whether to save the OPA.

"If we fail to hold the line", warns Chester Bowles, "prices will skyrocket, inflation will destroy our savings and endanger our whole economy for years to come."

It must be remembered that only a tiny handful of incalculably wealthy speculators stand to profit from inflation, which means ruin not only for consumers, workers, farmers and the middle classes—but for the overwhelming majority of businessmen and manufacturers as well.

And though some businessmen seem not to realize this, most Americans do. The Gallup Poll shows 73% of the people in favor of extension of price control. The National Opinion Research Center shows 85% with only 9% opposed, 6% undecided.

The problem is to translate the 85% majority of the American people into a 51% majority of the Senate.

It will not be easy. Twenty Southern Senators, preyed upon by special interests, have already declared their intention to join with Republicans to force ceiling prices off cotton and many other farm commodities.

"The price line cannot be held if OPA is left to fight alone", urges Chester Bowles.

WIRE OR WRITE YOUR SENATOR TODAY! Tell him:

1. *To continue OPA until June 30, 1947:*
2. *Without any crippling amendments;*
3. *Without any cuts in OPA 's appropriation.*

The Facts on Price Control

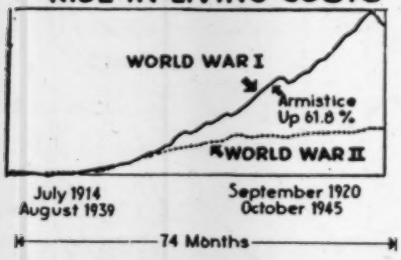
1. OPA HAS DONE A GOOD JOB

Despite tremendous pressures for relaxation of price controls, OPA has done an effective job of holding the price line.

Comparisons between World War I and World War II rises in living costs, wholesale prices and industrial prices prove OPA's effectiveness and are especially impressive in view of the far greater inflationary pressures of World War II.

	World War I	World War II
Living Costs	61.8%	30.7%
Wholesale Prices	102.5%	41.2%
Industrial Prices	88.0%	21.0%

RISE IN LIVING COSTS



2. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND PROFITS HAVE REACHED AN ALL TIME HIGH WITH PRICES CONTROLLED.

A. Industrial production rose 116% during the war compared with only 25% in World War I when there were no controls. Steady prices aid production, discourage inventory hoarding.

B. Food production rose 28%. The World War I figure is 5%.

C. Corporation profits are at an all time peak and with the elimination of excess profits taxes, 1946 will soar higher. Profits for 1945 (before taxes) were $22 billions, compared to $5.3 billions for prewar 1939.

D. Small business prospers too.

Profits before taxes for small unincorporated firms:

	1939	1944
Manufacturers	$315 million	$712 million
Wholesalers	$723 million	$1507 million
Retailers	$1517 million	$3416 million

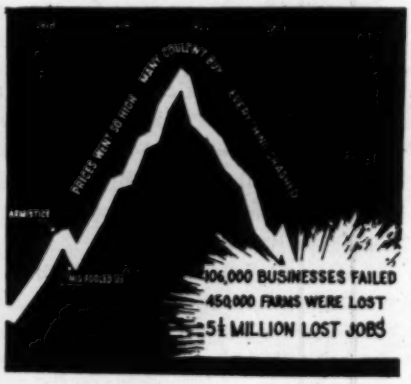
3. INFLATION, THEN DEFLATION AND DEPRESSION RESULT WHEN PRICES ARE NOT CONTROLLED DURING RECONVERSION FROM WAR TO PEACE.

43% of the World War I rise in living costs came after the armistice. Then the bottom dropped out of prices, resulting in utter economic collapse and tragedy for millions of people.

A. Business suffered:

—Corporation profits turned to losses. Profits after taxes were $5.9 billion in 1919, but two years later there were no profits; there were losses $255 million).

—Business failures totalled 105,996 in the five years following the price collapse, 40% more than total failures for 1910-1914. Most of these were small businesses.



B. Labor suffered:

—Unemployment increased 5,624,000 between 1919 and 1921. Factory employment shrank 31%, payrolls 44% and average weekly take home pay (for those who kept their jobs) from $27.50 to $20.70.

C. The farmers suffered too:

—Farm prices collapsed. Wheat went down 64% and cotton 75%.

—Average annual farmer income shrank from $1360 in 1919 to $460 in 1921.

—453,000 farmers lost their farms by mortgage foreclosure in the five years 1922-26.

D. All consumers suffered:

—A pound of butter cost 78c. (Now you pay 54c, thanks to OPA.)

—A dozen eggs cost 92c. (Now you pay 47c, thanks to OPA.)

—A pound of sugar cost 27c. (Now you pay 7c, thanks to OPA.)

—A yard of percale cost 53c. (Now you pay 35c, thanks to OPA.)

—A ton of coal cost $12.53. (Now you pay $7.99, thanks to OPA.)

4. STABLE PRICES ARE ESSENTIAL IF INFLATION IS TO BE AVERTED DURING RECONVERSION.

A. Inflationary pressures today far exceed those at the end of World War I.

Economic Pressures	After War I (billions)	After War II (billions)
Public Savings	$27.0	$145.0
Currency Circulating	4.9	25.7
Checking Acc't Balances	14.8	69.1

Psychological pressures

Stocks are hitting 14 year high with more and more people taking fliers. Residential property prices, which rose sharply during the war, continue to rise.

B. Prosperity depends upon stable prices—prices that people can afford to pay. They mean steady buying power, which starts the prosperity cycle: Steady buying power, demand for goods, full production, full employment.

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Sources for these figures are government reports, issued by O.P.A., the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor.

HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED

The six House of Representatives Amendments to the OPA Extension Bill were "a paved beginning to inflation," Representative Wright Patman of Texas declared. Congress "would be to blame for the chaos ahead," he predicted.

The following Southerners vote for price control and against every crippling amendment:

Sparkman of Alabama; Trimble and Hays of Arkansas; Mankin of Georgia; Spence and May of Kentucky; Morrison of Louisiana; Monroney of Oklahoma; Folger of North Carolina; Cooper, Courtney, Gore, Kefauver and Priest of Tennessee; Patman, Combs, Lyndon Johnson, and Thomason of Texas.

All other Southern Congressmen voted for inflation or were not present to vote against inflation.

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The Reason Why

Some of our readers may wonder why MILITANT TRUTH is publishing this SPECIAL LABOR EDITION.

LAND of THE FREE?

The Red Menace

Thoughtful citizens regardless of political or religious affiliations, realize that there exists throughout much of

MILITANT TRUTH usually appears mysteriously in workers' mailboxes, right on the eve of National Labor Relations Board elections. Sometimes it crops up only for the election, and sometimes it keeps on coming every month for a year or more. It says inside that the subscription price is 35 cents a year, but these workers never pay anything for it. According to an inside notice, it comes to them free, "with the compliments of a friend."

Friend or Foe?

One look at the anti-union contents of MILITANT TRUTH is enough to reveal who this "friend" is. Who else but the employer would put up money for an anti-union paper that suddenly starts coming to every worker in his plant, but to no one else in the community? And who else but the employer would and could supply a mailing list of all these employees?

Against the Law

Of course, the employer will not admit he is the one who put up the money and the mailing list. That would get him into legal difficulties for violating the National Labor Relations Act which prohibits employers from trying to stop their workers from forming a union. When distributed by arrangement with an employer for the purpose of discouraging unionization, such papers are in violation of the Wagner Act.

On the Spot

The N.L.R.B. has already pinned down one employer for distributing MILITANT TRUTH and is on the track of others.

MILITANT TRUTH was first published at Dayton, Tennessee, in 1940. The postmaster at Dayton said he "could always tell where the unions were trying to organize by the places to which MILITANT TRUTH was being sent."

Later, MILITANT TRUTH was printed at Dalton, Georgia; and since March of 1945, has been printed in Atlanta by the Western Newspaper Union.

Aimed At Textile Workers

From all reports it would seem that the South's long-suffering textile workers are having to suffer MILITANT TRUTH to a greater extent than any other group of workers. In Georgia alone, MILITANT TRUTH has gone in recent months to workers at three textile mills in Atlanta, five in Griffin, one in Athens, two in Rome, two in Carrolton, one in Dallas and one in Douglasville.

Through the Company Window!

The tie-up between the companies and MILITANT TRUTH has also been revealed in other ways. For instance, at the LeTourneau Mill in Toccoa, Georgia, it is reported that the Company takes subscriptions to MILITANT TRUTH right through the Company window!

And many employees have detected that MILITANT TRUTH is addressed to them in EXACTLY the same way as things sent them by the company.

More Militant Than Truthful

A glance at typical headlines from the various issues of MILITANT TRUTH, shown in the layout on the next page makes it clear why reactionary employers are so anxious to furnish the paper to their employees. MILITANT TRUTH is more militant than truthful!

How Militant Truth Works

By STETSON KENNEDY

I called at editor Sherman Patterson's office in Chattanooga. He wasn't in, but there were two young ladies busily cutting address stencils from mailing lists. They assured me that Patterson was seldom in the office, as he spent most of his time travelling, occasionally stopping by the office at night to catch up with his work there. However, since it was presumed that I was there to talk "business" with Patterson, I was given an appointment to see him upon his arrival several days later.

I found Patterson to be a slight, smooth-talking man in his early thirties. His first words were, "Sorry I wasn't in the other day—I'm very hard to catch."

Obviously he spends almost all of his time travelling about the South peddling his union-busting paper to industrialists.

Patterson said that the circulation of MILITANT TRUTH is 45,000, almost entirely in the South. He added that he "can't make any money" until he reached 50,000 circulation, but that "in the meantime I am receiving a few contributions from businessmen which take care of the deficit.

When I intimated that a friend of mine was having "union troubles," Patterson said, "All he has to do is send in the mailing list (and check) and I'll take care of the rest."

Besides its unfailing month-to-month attacks on unions, MILITANT TRUTH put out early last year an undated Special Labor Edition which is the one usually distributed on the eve of NLRB elections. Patterson confided to me that he is planning another such edition for publication early in 1946, of which he hopes to sell an extra 100,000 copies.

He told me of one "mill operator" in Georgia who has about 700 workers in one mill and about 3,000 in three other nearby mills. Patterson said that the CIO is trying to organize the smaller mill and that the operator is sending MILITANT TRUTH to its employees; but Patterson said he could not sell the operator the paper for all his other workers, "because he wants to wait and see how he comes out in the smaller plant, and if he can lick the union there he thinks he won't need the paper in his other mills."

It may be coincidental, but it happens that the CIO Textile Workers are trying to organize the Thomaston Cotton Mill at Griffin, Georgia, which has 650 employees. Its president is W. H. Hightower who has three other mills in Thomaston, employing a total of about 3,000 employees. The employees of the smaller mill are receiving MILITANT TRUTH; the others, not yet . . .

"INTERPRETING CURRENT EVENTS FROM A FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN VIEWPOINT"

MILITANT TRUTH

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: POST OFFICE BOX 550 CHATTANOOGA 1, TENNESSEE

Dec. 3, 1945

Mr. William [redacted] Co.
[redacted]
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Thank you so much for your inquiry of Nov. 21st. Quite a number of mill and factory workers throughout the south are receiving MILITANT TRUTH, and results indicate that it is well read.

The group rate of 35¢ each, per year includes mailing direct to the homes, of the employees, as is now being done by a large number of industrial people.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a few back copies of MILITANT TRUTH that you might care to pass out to your friends, and I will greatly appreciate anything you can do in the way of getting their support for this work. You realize, no doubt, that this low subscription rate is based on a great volume of subscriptions. At the present time I have about 45,000 on the mailing list, and am trying desperately to bring this up to 50,000 this month.

Please feel free to write me at any time for any further information.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman A. Patterson

Publisher

This photostat shows MILITANT TRUTH'S technique. No wonder Patterson refused to show an NLRB official his record of contributors.

However, the NLRB has already pinned down one employer on the MILITANT TRUTH, and it has other cases pending. Just last year the Blue Ridge Shirt Manufacturing Company of Lafayette, Tennessee, was found by a NLRB trial examiner to be "chargeable" for the act of one of its foreladies who handed out MILITANT TRUTH to an employee on company time and company property.

Among other things, Patterson confided that "the NLRB has been after me, especially through the Post Office." He went on to say that at one time the Post Office subpoenaed him to produce the records of his subscribers and contributors. Rather than do this, he decided to give up his second class mailing privilege. The truth is that Patterson had little choice in the matter. The second class mailing rate of 1½ cents per pound was established by Congress to aid bona fide periodicals. One of its requirements is that all but "an insignificant proportion" of the paper's total circulation must go to real subscribers who pay for it themselves. Obviously, MILITANT TRUTH cannot qualify—and that is the real reason why Patterson puts out $600 for third class postage every month, instead of the $60 which the second class rate would require.

About the Author

This documented revelation of the truth about MILITANT TRUTH is the work of Stetson Kennedy. Kennedy is the author of the Southern Patriot's expose of the Christian American anti-union plot, 150,000 copies of which were distributed last year, and which was helpful in defeating anti-union-security laws in many 1945 legislatures in the South. Kennedy's ancestors pioneered in the South and he has lived in the region all his life. His book, Southern Exposure, a full-length expose of anti-democratic elements in the South, will soon be published by Doubleday, Doran.

Anti-Christian, Anti-American

At the outset Patterson assured me that "Of course, MILITANT TRUTH is not put out to fight unions; its purpose is to promote fundamental Christianity and Constitutional Americanism."

MILITANT TRUTH's anti-union line is indeed peculiar. First, it takes as its text the Biblical admonition, "Be ye not unequally yoked together." Then the non-Rev. Patterson interprets this as meaning that Christians should not join any organization which includes people of other creeds. And the final step is a vicious attempt to demonstrate that unions are not Christian.

So virulent is MILITANT TRUTH's attack upon labor leaders that in some instances even the most confirmed anti-union employers have declined to make use of it. For example, A. B. Salant, of the mill chain of Salant & Salant, wrote C. C. Campbill of his Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, plant in 1944:

"Thank you ever so much for the January and February copies of MILITANT TRUTH which I read with a great deal of interest. . . . On the first page of the January number there is a reference to Hillman as 'an alien born communist' . . . We are fighting the Amalgamated (Clothing Workers of America) and fighting Hillman as strenuously as we can, but we don't care to use poisoned weapons in this or any fight."

Although MILITANT TRUTH makes a great pretense of being a Christian publication, month after month it prints an advertisement of a book called 20th Century Reformation, written by one Carl McIntire. This book seeks to scandalize the good name of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which represents 24 denominations, including the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians embracing nearly 28,000,000 church people all told. As if attacking this great confederation of Christians were not enough, MILITANT TRUTH also attacks the YWCA and the YMCA.

One must wonder if MILITANT TRUTH would not be more truthful if, instead of calling itself "Fundamentally Christian," it frankly admitted it is fundamentally anti-Christian.

Besides attacking unions and the churches, MILITANT TRUTH has gone out of its way to attack cooperatives, and has printed a recommendation of "more, better and bigger poll taxes, and restrictions on the right to vote."

Because MILITANT TRUTH carries regular ads of Joseph P. Kamp's "Constitutional Educational League" propaganda, I was not surprised when Patterson reached into a steel cabinet and began handing me such notorious Kamp booklets as "Vote CIO and Get a Soviet America"—which the official Nazi propaganda bureau, "World Service," recommended repeatedly—and "With Lotions of Love"—an attempt to smear Walter Winchell, who has often exposed Kamp.

A. F. of L. Is Prize Political Sap
FDR the Enemy of All Labor
Teccoa Pastor Addresses Citizens on Vital Issue: Exposes C. I. O. Menace to the Community
Democracy? No!
CIO to Organize Negro Labor
Thank God This Is Not A "Democracy"
The Right NOT To Organize
What Are We Defending?
The Growing Menace of the Closed Shop
God's Judgment Strikes In So-Called Sedition Trial
LABOR POLICIES IMPERIL A NATION
REYNOLDS' AMERICANISM PROGRAM
The "Co-Op" Menace
Stop Immigration Now
The Federal Council: Promoter of National Disunity
Hyphenated Americans
The Intolerance of Jesus
Shall We Be Ruled by Whites or Blacks?

A few headlines from various issues of MILITANT TRUTH. Note the attack on the A. F. of L. as well as the C. I. O.; on democracy; on the Federal Council of Churches; on cooperatives. Note the support of the seditionists.

Patterson told me he had distributed "thousands" of these Kamp booklets.

For some time Kamp was executive editor of a paper called "The Awakener" which was twice recommended by the Nazis' World Service. Associate editor of The Awakener was Lawrence Dennis, who rejoices in the title of "America's number one fascist theorist and intellectual."

Needless to say, Kamp had many supporters among the 30-odd persons indicted for sedition by the Federal Government. Among them were William Dudley Pelley, Joe McWilliams, George Deatherage, James Ture, Gerald B. Winrod, Elizabeth Dilling, Eugene Nelson Santuary, and Court Asher.

In view of all this it is not surprising that when two successive Federal grand juries returned indictments against such persons for sedition and conspiracy to foment fascist revolution, Joe Kamp's "Constitutional Educational League" was named in both indictments as one of the channels through which their propaganda flowed. This is the propaganda which Patterson is distributing.

Kamp himself was indicted in 1944 for refusing to furnish a list of the officers and contributors of his League, which had been requested by the House Committee Investigating Campaign Expenditures.

Kamp is by no means the only "Under Cover" character with whom Patterson does business. In fact, MILITANT TRUTH has gone out of its way to make excuses for all the indicted seditionists. (See headline above.) MILITANT TRUTH has carried advertisements of indicted seditionist Eugene Nelson Santuary's propaganda—after Pearl Harbor. Also MILITANT TRUTH has printed the propaganda of the "Anglo-Saxon Federation."

And so we see that MILITANT TRUTH, while claiming to stand for Constitutional Americanism, actually works hand in hand with many of those who have been indicted for sedition against the government of the United States.

Additional copies of THE TRUTH ABOUT MILITANT TRUTH are available for $15 per thousand, plus express charges.

Tie-Up With Southern States Industrial Council

"The Southern States Industrial Council works very closely with us on MILITANT TRUTH," publisher Patterson confided to me. "Sensing writes the anonymous 'As-I-See-It' editorial column on our front page. I don't like it very much, but use it anyway."

Thurman Sensing is research director of the Southern States Industrial Council and also a member of the Southern Association of Science and Industry. The latter is the organization which had the gall to offer to hire a secretary for the Southern Governors' Conference.

While some members of the Southern States Industrial Council may be surprised to learn of this close tie-up between it and the MILITANT TRUTH, it is not too surprising in view of the anti-union records of some of the Council's leaders. Robert Rast ("Rush") Cole, former president and executive committeeman of the Council, is vice-president of Monsanto Chemicals, a frequent advertiser in the anti-union Alabama magazine. He has also been a director of Associated Industries of Alabama.

John U. Barr, vice-president of the Council for Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, is proprietor of the Federal Fibre Mills in New Orleans. Barr is also a director of the National Association of Manufacturers and Louisiana Manufacturers Association. He was fuehrer of the "Draft-Byrd-for-President' movement in 1944, closely tied up with the so-called "American Democratic National Committee" which sought, through such Southern revolters as Gene Talmadge of Georgia and Sen. "Pappy" O'Daniels of Texas, to split the Democratic vote and thus elect Dewey and Bricker. The ADNC was financed very largely by Northern Republican industrial money.

Thomas A. McGough, a director of the Council, is president of McGough Bakeries Corporation, which advertises regularly in the Southern Outlook, a weekly paper which employs both anti-Negro and anti-Semitic propaganda in fighting unions.

The Council's Board of Directors met at Jacksonville, Florida, last November and resolved to henceforth "devote every energy" to combatting the union shop. It has long been suspected that the Council supported the Pappy O'Daniel-Vance Muse "Christian American" lobbying outfit which in 1944 succeeded in foisting upon Arkansas and Florida anti-union-security laws. It would now appear that, since the "Christian American" front has been publicly discredited, the Council has come out into the open in its opposition to union security.

The depths to which the Council may go in its anti-union campaign is foreshadowed by its false and inflammatory anti-FEPC propaganda which has included such questions as "Shall We Be Ruled by Whites or Blacks?" (which MILITANT TRUTH reprinted).

Under its present leadership, the Council is as much a menace to the general welfare as to organized labor. For example, it has thrown its full weight into the battle against price control and to kill the OPA.

Cure for the Poison

One good antidote for MILITANT TRUTH poison is the Southern Conference for Human Welfare pamphlet, FOR YOUR CHILDREN TOO—a message to the Southern people about labor unions, their aims and work, in terms of what they have done for children. This pamphlet, has 32 pages of heart-warming pictures. 10c each, $7.50 per hundred.

The exposure of anti-union activities is just one of the big jobs which has been tackled by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, an organization in which labor can cooperate with other public-spirited groups in building a better South for all the South's people. Won't you join today?

Southern Conference for Human Welfare,
212½ Union Street, Nashville 3, Tenn.

——Enclosed is $2 for membership in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (includes a year's subscription to the SOUTHERN PATRIOT).

——Enclosed is $1 for a year's subscription to the SOUTHERN PATRIOT.

Name _____

Address _____

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What The Church Says About Unions

Across the top of every issue of the MILITANT TRUTH, is a picture of a cross and a Bible captioned "The Word of God." The paper actually presumes to speak "The Word of God," in its slander of labor unions.

Virtually every creed in America, however, has endorsed unions. Here are a few examples:

"The churches should stand for the right of employees and employers alike to organize for collective bargaining and social action."

Federal Council of Churches

"We recognize the right of labor to organize and to engage in collective bargaining to the end that labor may have a fair and living wage, such as will provide not only for the necessities of life, but for recreation, pleasure and culture."

Southern Baptist Convention

"Misrepresentation and Fraud"

Real ministers have long recognized the evil inherent in organizations and publications which appropriate the good name of Christianity for such unChristian purposes as fighting labor unions. Listen to these ministers:

"For some time I have been concerned over attacks on organized labor by groups and publications that masquerade under the name of 'Christian,' but which in fact have no connection whatever with the churches and do not represent the expressed convictions of the great body of American churchmen and women. Unfortunately, any person can set up an organization and appropriate the name 'Christian,' and thus seem to throw about his activities the sanction of religion, however reactionary, false and mendacious his real purpose may be.

"Movements of the type above referred to are not Christian, either in the sense of being officially related to the churches or of being representative of the views of the great body of American Christians. The use of language that implies such connection is misrepresentation and fraud."

Rev. James A. Crane, Disciples of Christ.

"We should regard as suspiciously unAmerican any idea or movement which would hinder laboring men and women from organizing to secure decent wages and living conditions for themselves and those who follow them."

Rev. Lee A. Sheppard, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.

TRENDS

For Your Children's Sake

In their replies to a questionnaire sent out by the Associated Press, college presidents and superintendents of education in 12 Southern states almost unanimously stated their support for federal aid to education. The educators contended that the better education of the South's children would benefit the entire nation, and therefore the entire nation should help finance that education —that proper education, teaching Southern children to become better producers, would be the best means of combatting economic poverty in the South—that the South alone cannot raise its educational level to that of the more prosperous areas, since it has one-third of the nation's children but only one-eighth of its taxable wealth.

Defending Their Liberties

Forty-six delegates from 9 Southern states were present in Detroit at a two-day national Congress on Civil Rights. The Southern delegation, representing that part of the nation which will be the major battleground in the struggle for civil rights, took a vigorous practical lead in making plans for a permanent civil rights organization to unify existing groups. The newly established Civil Rights Congress has for its job safeguarding democratic rights, combatting all forms of discrimination, fighting the rising menace of native fascism.

Road to Prosperity

The drive of the Textile Workers Union CIO to bring Southern textile workers' wages more nearly into line with Northern pay scales continued to sweep the South last month, when a 10c an hour general increase and a 65c minimum were negotiated for 25,000 workers in Alabama, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The increases placed about five million dollars more a year into the pay envelopes of workers protected by TWUA contracts.

Warning!

Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace testified before the Senate Commerce Committee that unemployment in the South may total 7,000,000 persons in the next five or ten years unless steps are taken to industrialize the region. Wallace spoke in support of legislation to permit the Commerce Department to set up special industrial aid agencies in "undeveloped areas."

Fighting the Klan

There are widespread reports of increased Ku Klux Klan activity in the South. Fiery crosses have blazed in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia. That the Klan does not represent the South, however, is proved again by the reaction of Miami, Florida, to its rebirth there. The Greater Miami Council of the CIO took the lead, requesting official city action to halt terrorism. A. W. Gottschall, Florida regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, publicly denounced the Klan. "World War II," he wrote, "was not fought and won to make possible such divisive work in American communities." The Greater Miami Ministerial Association unanimously went on record as opposing the Klan. So the voice of the Christian churches stripped from the Klan its self-appropriated designation as a white, gentile, Protestant movement and bared in all their bigotry the aims of a movement which is the very negation of the principles of Christianity.

Farmers See the Light

Ten electrical cooperatives serving rural areas of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama have announced plans for expansion programs which will carry electrical current into 14,500 more farm homes.

Hats Off to Bowles

The National Farmers Union has voted to designate OPA Administrator Chester Bowles to receive its first annual award as having rendered the most outstanding service to agriculture during 1945. It pointed out that the farmer himself is a major consumer, and that when Mr. Bowles held the line against inflation of values of industrial goods he was putting money into farmers pockets just as surely as if he had been raising the prices of the products they sold. By fighting greed and inflation he has fought to prevent farmers again being put through the wringer of disastrous economic depression, of 25c corn, 40c wheat and 6c cotton.

Correction

The March issue of the Patriot mistakenly stated that Mrs. Helen Mankin, recently elected Congresswoman in Georgia, had the support of the Georgia League of Women Voters. The League is a non-partisan organization which never endorses candidates.

For Better Understanding

In connection with the CIO Southern organizing drive, Mr. John G. Ramsay, a layman from the Steelworkers Union, who for three years has been giving full time to the work of generating better understanding between religious and labor groups, has been assigned to the South to undertake a similar educational campaign. Mr. Ramsay, who is vice-chairman of the Industrial Division of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, would like to hear from ministerial associations, church groups, or other community organizations which might be interested in having him appear before them. His address: c/o CIO, 75 Ivy Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Food for Children is "Poison" for Rankin

Representative John Rankin (D-Miss) has attacked an amendment to the free school lunch bill aimed to eliminate discrimination in quantity of food served to minority groups. Said Representative Rankin "this program means trouble. Its dynamite, gentlemen . . . I say it's poison."

Arkansas Justice

The Little Rock, Arkansas, circuit court jury has handed down its decision concerning the killing of Walter Campbell, FTA picket during the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers strike at the Southern Cotton Oil Co. The jury exonerated Otha Williams, charged with stabbing Campbell, and sentenced to the penitentiary for a year three pickets found guilty of walking a picket line two blocks from the murder. This was done under an "Anti-Violence" Law, pushed through the State legislature in 1943 by the Christian American Association. Freedom of the press also became a major issue in Little Rock when L. Christopher Bates, publisher of the Arkansas State Press, was arrested on a contempt of court charge for publishing an account of the trial and the "hand-picked" jury.

Attention: Vets

The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, an organization founded to protect the interests of Negro veterans, has been incorporated as a national organization, with Joe Louis as honorary chairman. The UNAVA, which already numbers many chapters throughout the South, is concerned with the special problems of Negro ex-GI's—jobs, housing, education, and civil rights.